REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended herein to correct an informality by inserting the word "a" before the words "stair climbing machine" on page 7, line 13 of the subject application. Claims 5-43 are newly added for examination. No new matter has been introduced into the specification by this Amendment. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

A check for \$586.00 to cover the additional claim fees is enclosed with this Preliminary Amendment; if any additional fees are required, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415.

If the Examiner should have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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